

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5 1. A camera stabilizer comprising:

a platform having a first end connectable to a camera and a second end extending outwardly from the first end to rest on a shoulder of a camera operator;

10 a handle locked to the platform having camera controls contained thereon; and

means for transmitting camera control signals from the handle to a signal receiving port on the camera.

15 2. The stabilizer of claim 1, wherein the handle is locked to the platform by having a locking pin biased from the handle into a bore in the platform.

3. The stabilizer of claim 2, wherein the locking pin is at least partially positioned in a bore in the handle.

20 4. The stabilizer of claim 2, wherein the locking pin is biased by a spring.

25 5. The stabilizer of claim 4, wherein the spring is positioned in the bore below the locking pin.

6. The stabilizer of claim 2, wherein the locking pin includes a knob for manually moving the locking pin.

30 7. The stabilizer of claim 1, wherein the means for transmitting the camera control signals is a signal bore extending through the platform.

35 8. The stabilizer of claim 1, wherein the handle has a remote control containing the camera controls.

9. The stabilizer of claim 8, wherein the remote control is removably mounted on the handle.

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10. The stabilizer of claim 1, wherein the means for transmitting camera control signals comprises a fiber optic fiber and an adhesive.

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11. A camera platform comprising:

a shoulder section;

15 a camera section adjacent to the shoulder section for supporting the camcorder;

a handle lockably attached to the camera section;

15 a remote control removably attached to the handle;

and

20 a fiber optic fiber for transmitting control signals from the remote control to a signal receiving port on the video camera.

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12. The platform of claim 11, wherein the handle is lockably attached by a locking pin extending from the handle into the camera section.

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13. The platform of claim 12, wherein the locking pin is biased by a spring.

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14. The platform of claim 11, wherein the camera section has a signal bore extending therethrough, such that control signals generated by the remote control can pass through the signal bore.

35 15. The platform of claim 13, wherein the locking pin and the spring are positioned in a bore in the handle.

5 16. The platform of claim 13 wherein the locking pin includes a knob for disengaging the locking pin from the camera section.

10 17. A camera stabilizer comprising a platform having a fiber optic port extending therethrough and a handle having means for locking the handle to the platform.

15 18. The camera stabilizer of claim 17, wherein the means for locking the handle to the platform is a locking pin.

20 19. The camera stabilizer of claim 18, wherein the locking pin is biased into engagement with the platform.

25 20. The camera stabilizer of claim 18, wherein the locking pin includes a knob to disengage the locking pin from the platform.

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